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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A watercraft cover comprising:
 - a sheet of water repellant material;
 - a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;
 - at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support structure;
 - a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve;
 - at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;
 - a dual retention system attached to the sheet, the dual retention system including a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord; and
 - a cord sleeve located towards an outside perimeter of the sheet and sized to contain both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord;
 - wherein the dual retention system is useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to the watercraft; and
 - wherein the at least one support structure is normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet.
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3. (currently amended) ~~The A watercraft cover of claim 2, comprising:~~
a sheet of water repellant material;
a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;
at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket
receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support
structure;
a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the
at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the
sleeve; and
at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one
support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;
wherein the at least one support structure is normally irreversibly integrated into or
retained by the sheet and further includes a notch at a substantially central location, the notch
being useful for retaining a thread rigidly attached to the support structure sleeve attached to the
sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability
without separating such at least one support structure and sheet.
4. (currently amended) ~~The A watercraft cover of claim 2, comprising:~~
a sheet of water repellant material;
a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;
at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket
receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support
structure;
a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the
at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the
sleeve; and
at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one
support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;

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wherein the at least one support structure is normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet and further includes a hole at a substantially central location, the hole being useful for receiving a rivet rigidly attached to the support structure sleeve attached to the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet.

5. (currently amended) ~~The A watercraft cover of claim 2,~~ comprising:

a sheet of water repellant material;

a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;

at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support structure;

a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve; and

at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;

wherein the at least two pockets are adjustable; and

the at least one support structure is normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet.

6. (currently amended) ~~The A watercraft cover of claim 2, further including~~ comprising:

a sheet of water repellant material;

a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;

at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support structure;

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a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve;

at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet, the at least one support structure normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet; and

a vent, and a baffle and drain useful for preventing water from entering the watercraft through the vent.

7. (currently amended) The A watercraft cover of claim 2, further including comprising:

a sheet of water repellant material;

a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;

at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support structure;

a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve;

at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet, the at least one support structure normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet; and

means for attaching an engine cover.

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8. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ watercraft cover of claim 2, comprising:
a sheet of water repellant material;
a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;
at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket
receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support
structure;
a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the
at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the
sleeve;
at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one
support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet,
the at least one support structure normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet,
the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without
separating such at least one support structure and sheet; and
a dual retention system attached to the sheet, the dual retention system including a first
relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, the system being useful for securely
attaching the watercraft cover to the watercraft;
wherein the first relatively elastic cord is comprised of two pieces, each having a first end
and a second end, wherein the first end of each of the two pieces is rigidly attached towards the
front of the sheet, and the second end of each piece has a locking mechanism to reversibly retain
a desired tension.

9. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ watercraft cover of claim 2, comprising:
a sheet of water repellant material;
a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;
at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket
receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support
structure;

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a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve:

at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet, the at least one support structure normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet; and

a dual retention system attached to the sheet, the dual retention system including a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, the system being useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to the watercraft:

wherein the second relatively inelastic cord has a first end rigidly attached at a first location towards the rear of the sheet, and a second end attached at a second location towards the rear of the sheet.

10. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 9, wherein the second relatively inelastic cord continues from the first location towards the rear of the sheet, around the front of the sheet, and ends at the second location towards the rear of the sheet.

11. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 10, further including means for tightening the second relatively inelastic cord against the watercraft.

12. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 11, further including a cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

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13. (currently amended) ~~The A watercraft cover of claim 2, further including comprising:~~

a sheet of water repellant material;

a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;

at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the first pocket receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end of the at least one support structure;

a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second pockets, the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve;

at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet, the at least one support structure normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet;

a dual retention system attached to the sheet, the dual retention system including a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, the system being useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to the watercraft; and

a cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

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20. (previously presented) A travel watercraft cover comprising:

a sheet of water repellant material;

at least two pockets attached to the sheet;

at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the pockets receiving the first and second ends of the at least one support structure;

at least one strap attached to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;

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a vent; and

a dual retention system attached to the sheet, wherein the dual retention system includes a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, each cord generally following the outside perimeter of the sheet, the dual retention system useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to a watercraft.

21. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the at least two pockets are adjustable.

22. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the sheet further includes a support structure sleeve located substantially between the at least two pockets useful for receiving the support structures.

23. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including a baffle and drain useful for preventing water from entering the watercraft through the vent.

24. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including at least one holding strap useful for stabilizing the watercraft cover while it is being attached to the watercraft.

25. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including a rear retention strap useful for securing the rear portion of the watercraft cover to the watercraft.

26. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including means for attaching an engine cover.

27. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the at least one strap is comprised of two pieces which are configured to reversibly connect to each other.

28. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 27, further including means for tightening the at least one strap, the tightening means located where the two pieces of the strap intersect.

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29. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the first relatively elastic cord is comprised of two pieces, each having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of each of the two pieces is rigidly attached towards the front of the sheet, and the second end of each piece has a locking mechanism to reversibly retain a desired tension.

30. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the second relatively inelastic cord has a first end rigidly attached at a first location towards the rear of the sheet, and a second end attached at a second location towards the rear of the sheet.

31. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 30, wherein the second relatively inelastic cord continues from the first location towards the rear of the sheet, around the front of the sheet, and ends at the second location towards the rear of the sheet.

32. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 31, further including means for tightening the second relatively inelastic cord.

33. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 32, further including a cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

34. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 31, further including cord loops periodically located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, useful for retaining both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

35. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including a cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

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36. (previously presented) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including cord loops periodically located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, useful for retaining both the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

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